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ANCHORAGE – Hunters looking for an opportunity to hunt large Dall sheep rams in newly opened portions of Chugach State Park may be misled by an erroneous description of hunt areas in the drawing hunt newspaper supplement.

The description of the hunt areas says hunters drawn for hunts DS119, 120, 139 and 140 will be allowed to hunt in all open areas in Chugach State Park. That is incorrect.

In March, the Board of Game opened three new areas in the park, west Rainbow Creek, lower Eagle River Valley and Ram Valley. But only one drawing permit (DS123) was authorized to hunt in those newly opened areas.

Winners of other drawing permits will not be allowed to hunt in the three new areas. Winners will be informed on their permits exactly where they can hunt so the practical effect of the error is negligible. But the error could prompt a hunter to apply for the wrong hunt, thinking the winner could hunt in the new areas. Because hunters are allowed to apply for only three hunts per species, it is important they use their limited choices exactly as they wish.

Corrected hunt area descriptions have been posted on the Alaska Department of Fish & Game website and the online application site.

Hunters who already have applied will be given the opportunity to change their selections.

The application deadline for all sheep drawing permits is Dec. 6.

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